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SUBJECT: GPRM INTENSIFIES ATTACK AGAINST ORGANIZED RELIGION

REF: A. LOURENCO MARQUES 951, B. LOURENCO MARQUES 1106

SUMMARY: MOZAMBIQUE PREYS CARRIES RAMBLING COMMUNIQUE SIGNED BY ARMANDO GUEBUZA IN HIS CAPACITY AS NATIONAL POLITICAL COMMISSAR BLASTING RELIGIOUS SECTS, INSINUATING U.S. AND SOUTH AFRICAN INVOLVEMENT IN ANTI-GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES, AND ASKING PEOPLE TO INCREASE VIGILANCE AGAINST "COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY AND DIVISIONIST ACTIONS OF MISSIONARIES". COMMUNIQUE COMES DOWN PARTICULARLY HARD ON JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES BUT ALSO NAMES CHURCH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF THE MOZAMBIQUE APOSTLES, APOSTOLIC UNION OF ZION, ETHIOPIAN

LUSO AFRICAN CHURCH, COMPLETE CHURCH OF GOD, ASSEMBLY OF GOD, SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISTS, CHURCH OF THE GOOD PASTOR IN NOZAMBIQUE, SOUTH AFRICAN CHURCH AND NAZARENE CHURCH. END SUMMARY.

1. HIGHLIGHTS:

A) REHASHES THEME OF CHURCHES BLESSING COLONIALIST SOLDIERS BEFORE THEY WENT ON MISSIONS TO TORTURE, RAPE AND KILL.

B) CLAIMS MANY AFRICAN PASTORS WORKED FOR PIDE AND NAMES NINE OF THEM. SAYS "ALL SUPERINTENDANTS OF CHURCHES COLLABORATED WITH PIDE".

C) RIDICULES JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES AS "SECT FOUNDED IN IMPERIALIST AMERICA WHERE ITS FUNDS COME FROM" FOR MEMBERS' REFUSAL TO PAY TAXES, SAY "VIVA FRELIMO" OR HONOR FLAG AND SYMBOLS OF MOZAMBIQUE. NAMES TWELVE OBVIOUSLY UNREPENTANT AFRICAN J.W.'S AND QUOTES THEM AS TO WHY THEIR RELIGIOUS BELIEFS FORBID THEM TO HONOR FRELIMO.

D) ACCUSES NAZARENES, ASSEMBLY OF GOD INTERNATIONAL, ASSEMBLY OF GOD AND FAITH OF THE APOSTLES OF HAVING HELD MEETING IN ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH TO "DISCUSS AND OUTLINE PLAN OF ATTACK AGAINST THE ADVANCE AND CONSOLIDATION OF PEOPLE'S POWER".

E) SAYS TITHE OF 10 PERCENT IS NOTHING BUT DEVICE TO FURTHER EXPLOIT ADHERANTS.

F) QUOTES EXCERPT FROM LETTER FROM "INFILTRATING FOREIGN MISSIONARY" TO "HIS BASE IN AMERICA" AND CLAIMS THAT MISSIONARIES HAVE TRANSFERRED FUNDS BACK TO THE UNITED STATES.

G) GIVES QUOTES FROM CIRCULAR SENT TO THE UNITED STATES AS EVIDENCE THAT MISSIONARIES HAVE TRIED TO DISTORT TRUTH ABOUT MOZAMBIQUE. COMMENT (A) (C) AND (G) ARE MOST CERTAINLY TAKEN FROM THE WRITING OF DETAINED AMCIT MISSIONARY ARMAND DOLL.

H) ACCUSES NAZARENES OF PLANNING TO TRANSMIT A RADIO PROGRAM OF "REACTIONARY MENTALIZATION" IN PORTUGUESE FROM SWAZILAND.

I) CALLS ON COMRADES TO DENOUNCE MISSIONARY ACTIVITY FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WHAT IT IS, "THE BANNER OF IMPERIALISM", AND SAYS "TO ATTEND OR CARRY OUT THE WORDS OF THE MISSIONARIES IS TO BE WORKING AGAINST MOZAMBIQUE AND IS SERVING THE IMPERIALIST POWERS WHO WILL USE ANY DEVICE TO CARRY OUT THEIR INTENTIONS".

2. FULL TEXT FOLLOWS BY AIRGRAM. COMMENT: DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL GUEBUZA WAS ONE WHO STARTED ANTI-JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES CAMPAIGN BY CALLING THEM CIA AGENTS (REFTEL A). THIS VICIOUS

COMMUNIQUE, TAKEN TOGETHER WITH ANNOUNCEMENT THAT MOZAMBIQUE
WILL HAVE ITS OWN GESTAPO (SNASP) (REFTEL B), SPELLS TROUBLE
FOR MOZAMBIQUE CHRISTIANS. IT ALSO POINTS OUT JUST HOW
SERIOUSLY FRELIMO VIEWS REPRESENT PERHAPS THE SOLE THREAT
TO ITS TOTAL CONTROL AND INDOCTRINATION OF MOZAMBICANS. COM-
MUNIQUE'S ANTI-AMERICAN TONE USING EXCERPTS FROM DOLL'S WRITING
PROBABLY INDICATES GPRM PLANS TO FORMALLY CHARGE JAILED U.S.
MISSIONARIES. BOTH DOLL AND FRIBURG ARE VULNERABLE AS
"SUPERINTENDENTS" OF CHURCH (PARA 1-B).

FOR PRETORIA: SUGGEST YOU PASS CONTENTS OF TELEGRAM TO
AMERICAN MISSIONARIES FORMERLY IN MOZAMBIQUE, ALONG WITH
ADVICE THAT RETURNING HERE NOW WOULD BE FOOLHARDY.
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